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- a. Report on observations made at Zerbst airfield on 25 May (pages)
- b. Sketch of airfield
- c. Sketch marking the location of radar installations.

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ZERBST Airfield Spotcheck: 25 May 54
(0630 - 1230 hrs)1. LAYOUT

See Appendix "A".

2. AIRCRAFT(a) Total: 30 aircraft (hangar doors were partly open
and aircraft could be seen inside).(b) Types: 12 MIG-15s and U-MIG-15s.
8 IL-10s
6 YAK-11s
2 LI-2s
2 PO-2s.

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(c) One LI-2

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(d) Dispersal: 4 MIG-15s were parked on the NE side of the
airfield (point 5 of Appendix "A"). 8 LI-10s
and 3 YAK-11s were parked on the North side of
the airfield in front of the aircraft shelters
(points 7 and 8). 8 MIG-15s and U-MIG-15s
and 2 PO-2s were parked in front of hangars
3 and 4. 2 LI-2s and 3 YAK-11s were engaged
in flying.3. FLYING ACTIVITY(a) No preparations for take-off could be seen. At the take-
off point was one GAZ-67 with a red flag on the driver's
seat. (See point 13 at Appendix "A").(b) Flying:2 LI-2s were already airborne and were making wide circuits,
climbing to approx 400 m altitude. At this altitude, 4
parachutists jumped from each aircraft over the airfield
and the aircraft then climbed to approx 600 m when each
released another 6 men and then 5 men from 800 m altitude.
All the jumps were made individually and the men landed
South of the airfield, on the land South of the ZERBST-
DOBERITZ road. The men were collected and
driven back to the airfield. The whole area was sealed
off by SAF sentries, some with dogs.

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Each LI-2 took off twice and the parachute jumping was
repeated. The aircraft were then parked between hangar 1
and the major repair hangar. About 0900 hrs, 3 YAK-11s
took-off to make local flights singly and in formation.

Two PO-2s took off at 0930 hrs to make local flights.

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4. W/T, D/F and RADAR

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- (a) There was no change in the static W/T station East of the airfield (point 14 of Appendix "A").
- (b) The TOKEN Radar station (point 15) could only be observed with binoculars from 500 m away and was in motion during the period of observation. It turned a full circle clockwise 3 times in a minute. On one side of the base the cut-out shape of a door could be seen. Approx 30 m South of the TOKEN was a FISHNET set which was motionless.
- Approx 20 m East of the sets were 3 - 4 small wooden huts behind which were 3 box bodies which were covered with tarpaulins. (See Appendix "C").
- (c) Approx 1 km West of the runway stands a DUMBO Radar array in the woods. It is partially hidden by trees (point 16).
- (d) Approx 40 m West of the DUMBO is a KNIFEREST Radar set. (Point 17). Both sets stand on the training area belonging to the PANZER Kaserne, ZERBST.

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5. FUEL DUMP

On 25 May 54, there were 3 rail tank cars standing on the siding to the fuel dump. Each had a capacity of approx 22,000 l.

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KEY TO APPENDIX "A"

1. Hangar
2. Major repair hangar
3. Hangar
4. "
5. 4 MIG-15s
6. 8 aircraft shelters
7. 8 IL-10s
8. 3 YAK-11s
9. 8 MIG-15s and U-MIG-15s
10. 2 PO-2s
11. 2 LI-2s
12. 3 YAK-11s
13. 1 Jeep
14. Static W/T station
15. TOKEN Radar set
16. DUMBO Radar set
17. KNIFEREST Radar set
18. Fuel dump
19. Old AA site

KEY TO APPENDIX "B"

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1. TOKEN Radar set
2. FISHNET Radar set
3. box-body
4. Approx 4 small wooden huts
5. 3 box-bodies and covered with tarpaulins
6. Wooden fence.

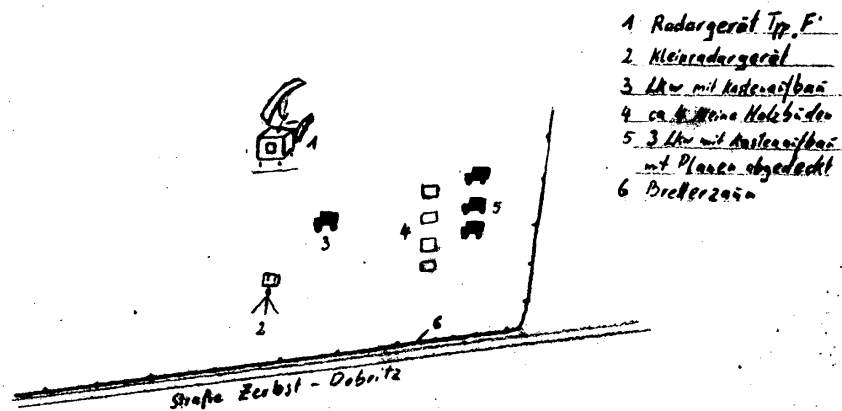
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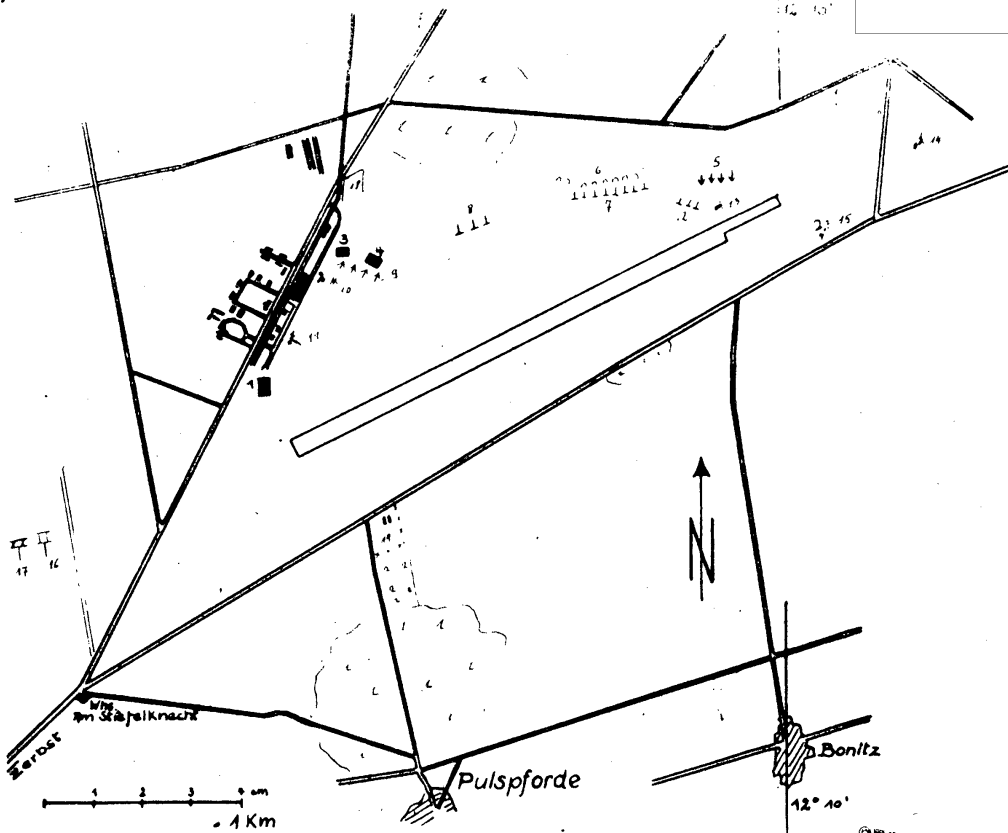
1. Radargerät Typ. F.
2. Kleinsradargerät
3. Lkw mit Radaraufbau
4. ca. 4 kleine Holzbohlen
5. 3 Lkw mit Radaraufbau
mit Planken abgedeckt
6. Brecherzug

Radaranlage in der Südostecke des Regd. Zerbst.

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- 1 Halle
- 2 Werft
- 3 Halle
- 4 Halle
- 5 4 Mig. 15
- 6 8 Spl. Perschützboven
- 7 8 IL-10
- 8 3 YAn 11
- 9 8 Mig. 15
- 10 2 P. 2
- 11 2 11-2
- 12 3 YAn 11
- 13 1 Jeep
- 14 1000 Pl. 1000
- 15 1000 Pl. 1000
- 16 1000 Pl. 1000
- 17 1000 Pl. 1000
- 18 1000 Pl. 1000
- 19 1000 Pl. 1000

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